

In the Claims

The status of claims in the case is as follows:

1 1. [Currently amended] A method for creating a valid
2 chart of accounts from which an administrator of a local
3 enterprise can facilitate and enable a requisitioner to
4 select a valid general ledger account when generating a
5 requisition for goods and services, comprising the steps of:

6 establishing a communication link with an external
7 enterprise catalog computer system to build and
8 building with reference to said enterprise catalog
9 computer system an appropriate chart of accounts in an
10 electronic storage device for a given company;

11 transmitting from said enterprise catalog computer
12 system a chart of accounts with descriptions to a
13 requisition catalog computer system database in a local
14 enterprise specified format;

15 administrator selecting from said requisition catalog
16 computer system database valid accounts with
17 descriptions for a given commodity and purchase period

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18 for said given company, said description mapping
19 general ledger account codes selected by said
20 administrator to a given commodity code from an
21 associated accounting computer system ~~for use by said~~
22 ~~requisitioner to select the correct general ledger~~
23 ~~account when doing financial validation on a~~
24 ~~requisition for said commodities;~~

25 ~~administrator then associating a selected~~
26 ~~account/description tuple with company commodity groups~~
27 ~~for use in a requisition creation process;~~

28 upon said ~~requester~~ requisitioner initiating a
29 requisition creation process and selecting a commodity
30 from a commodity description document,

31 presenting only those general ledger accounting codes
32 appropriate for a selected ~~said commodity codes~~
33 commodity code to said requisitioner. [[and]]
34 initiating a proceed to accounting process, and
35 presenting to said requisitioner a financial worksheet
36 with valid general ledger accounts numbers and
37 descriptions ~~for selection by said requisitioner;~~ and

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38 thereupon said requisitioner completing preparing said
39 requisition by selecting general ledger accounting
40 codes, from those presented as appropriate to a
41 selected commodity code, and populating fields in said
42 financial worksheet ~~necessary to the creation of valid~~
43 ~~requisition~~ with properly designated general ledger
44 accounting ~~entries~~ codes.

1 2. [Original] The method of claim 1, further comprising
2 the steps of:

3 requisitioner searching against commodities and
4 catalogs in commodity description documents and
5 responsive thereto, creating one or more line items.

1 3. [Currently amended] The method of claim 2, further
2 comprising the steps of:

3 administrator creating a company commodity document
4 including for each commodity code under each company, a
5 commodity category code, a short description, a long
6 description, key words, approvers, financial
7 information, route-to buyer by plant association,
8 preferred supplier, and special handling codes ~~all~~

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9 ~~usable for enabling customer selection of a correct~~
10 ~~commodity;~~

11 requisitioner initiating a proceed to accounting
12 process, which displays those line items from said
13 company commodity document which may be selected by
14 said requisitioner; and

15 displaying to said requisitioner an agent created
16 financial worksheet with fields which need to be
17 selected or populated by said requisitioner derived
18 from said company commodity document, based on purchase
19 type[[,]];

20 said requisitioner selecting from said company
21 commodity document and populating to said financial
22 worksheet thereby presenting valid general ledger
23 accounts numbers and descriptions ~~to said~~
24 requisitioner.

4-14. [Canceled]

1 15. [Withdrawn] A computer program product for creating a
2 valid chart of accounts from which an administrator of a

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3 local enterprise can facilitate and enable a requisitioner
4 to select a valid general ledger account, said computer
5 program product comprising:

6 a computer readable medium;

7 first program instructions to establish a communication
8 link with an external enterprise catalog computer
9 system to build an appropriate chart of accounts for a
10 given company;

11 second program instructions to transmit from said
12 enterprise catalog system a chart of accounts with
13 descriptions to a requisition catalog computer system
14 database;

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16 third program instructions to enable an administrator
17 to select from said requisition catalog computer system
18 database valid accounts with descriptions for a given
19 commodity and purchase period, said description mapping
20 account codes selected by said administrator to a given
21 commodity code from an associated accounting computer
22 system for use by a requester at a computer terminal to
23 select a correct general ledger account when doing

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24 financial validation on a requisition for said
25 commodities;

26 fourth program instructions to enable said
27 administrator to then associate a selected
28 account/description tuple with company commodity groups
29 for use in a requisition creation process; and

30 fifth program instructions, responsive to said
31 requester selecting a commodity from a commodity
32 description document, to present said commodity codes,
33 initiate a proceed to accounting process, and to
34 present to said requisitioner a financial worksheet
35 with valid general ledger accounts numbers and
36 descriptions for selection by said requisitioner; and
37 wherein

38 said first, second, third, fourth, and fifth program
39 instructions are recorded on said medium.

1 16. [Canceled]

2 17. [Withdrawn] The computer program product of claim 15,
3 further comprising:

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4 sixth program instructions to enable said administrator
5 to create a company commodity document including for
6 each commodity code under each company, a commodity
7 category code, a short description, a long description,
8 key words, approvers, financial information, route-to
9 buyer by plant association, preferred supplier, and
10 special handling codes all usable for enabling customer
11 selection of a correct commodity;

12 seventh program instructions responsive to said
13 requisitioner initiating a proceed to accounting
14 process, to display at a computer terminal line items
15 which may be selected by said requisitioner; and

16 eighth program instructions to display at said computer
17 terminal an agent created financial worksheet with
18 fields which need to be selected or populated by
19 requisitioner derived from said company commodity
20 document, based on purchase type, thereby presenting
21 valid general ledger accounts numbers and descriptions
22 to said requisitioner at said computer terminal; and
23 wherein

24 said sixth, seventh, and eighth program instructions

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25 are recorded on said medium.

1 18. [Withdrawn] The computer program product of claim 15,
2 further comprising:

3 sixth program instructions responsive to said
4 requisitioner searching against commodities and
5 catalogs in commodity description documents to create
6 one or more line items; and wherein

7 said sixth program instructions are recorded on said
8 medium.

1 19. [Withdrawn] The computer program of claim 18 further
2 comprising:

3 seventh program instructions for enabling said
4 administrator to create a company commodity document
5 including for each commodity code under each company, a
6 commodity category code, a short description, a long
7 description, key words, approvers, financial
8 information, route-to buyer by plant association,
9 preferred supplier, and special handling codes all
10 usable for enabling customer selection of a correct

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11 commodity;

12 eighth program instructions responsive to said
13 requisitioner initiating a proceed to accounting
14 process to display line items which may be selected by
15 said requisitioner; and

16 ninth program instructions to display at said computer
17 terminal an agent created financial worksheet with
18 fields which need to be selected or populated by said
19 requisitioner derived from company commodity document,
20 based on purchase type, thereby presenting valid
21 general ledger accounts numbers and descriptions to
22 said requisitioner; and wherein

23 said seventh, eighth, and ninth program instructions
24 are recorded on said medium.

1 20. [Currently amended] The method of claim 3, further
2 comprising the steps of:

3 displaying to said administrator an accounting computer
4 system generated chart of accounts, said chart
5 including for each account an account identifier and

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6 commodity description;

7 responsive to administrator selection, associating a
8 selected commodity description and account identifier
9 with a company commodity group document together with
10 information ~~enabling said requisitioner to select~~
11 identifying a correct commodity; and

12 responsive to said information, said requisitioner
13 selecting said correct commodity.

1 21. [Previously presented] The method of claim 20, said
2 information including commodity description, approvers,
3 general ledger account, route-to buyer, and preferred
4 supplier.

1 22-23. [Canceled]

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